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McCarthy Considering Communist China Trip

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) is considering a trip to Communist China, it was learned yesterday.

An aide to the Senator said discussions "were not far enough along" to talk sensibly about such a trip. He did confirm, however, that efforts were being made in Canada to get a visa for McCarthy from representatives of the Red Chinese government.

McCarthy himself recently spent a day in Canada talking to Chinese officials. Those discussions, his aide said, were primarily to get background material for a paper on Communist China which McCarthy is scheduled to present to a conference late next month.

Reported working in Canada to get a visa for McCarthy is

Martin Peretz, a wealthy Harvard University instructor who played a role as advisor and contributor to the Minnesotan's presidential nomination campaign.

The Minnesotan is not the only Democratic Senator planning a trip to study China.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and his aides have spent several months working out a late January tour of countries bordering China. A Kennedy aide said yesterday that a final decision will probably be made when Kennedy returns from his Christmas vacation.

Kennedy may include a stopover in Outer Mongolia along with visits to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, India, Indonesia and possibly other countries.